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(a) the number of mineral water manufacturing plants functioning in the National Capital Territory of Delhi at present;

(b) the number of plants which have the approval of ISI;

(c) whether Government are aware that mineral water bottles have been found to be contaminated several times during the last six months and if so, whether those plants are ever checked by the official of Bureau of Indian Standard; and

(d) if so, the action taken against the owners of those plants whose product have been detected to be sub-standard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Barrage on the Ganga in Kanpur

†1673. **SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI:** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a barrage on the Ganga in Kanpur is being constructed by Uttar Pradesh and the Central Government on the basis of equal financial sharing; and

(b) the initial projected cost thereof alongwith its latest status and by when it will be completed and at what cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A barrage over river Ganga in Kanpur is being constructed by Government of Uttar Pradesh wherein 50% of the funds are being given by the Government of India as loan to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the purpose. The Government of India approved the Ganga Barrage project on 10th April, 1999 at a project cost of Rs. 263.40 crores (for barrage and water supply components together). The Government of India has provided Rs. 100.49 crores till date as loan to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the project.

The Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that Rs. 111.415 crores were released to UP Jal Nigam till 31st March, 2001 and the entire amount has been utilised by UP Jal Nigam as expenditure on the project. As per the information given by the Government of Uttar Pradesh (in June, 2000), the project is expected to be completed by December, 2004.

**Appointment/Nomination of SCs/STs at
Higher Level of Administration**

1674. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SC/ST Parliamentarians in the representations submitted to the Prime Minister on 17th December, 1996, 1st September, 1997 and 23rd July, 1998 have demanded nomination/appointment/placement/posting of persons belonging to the SCs/STs in the higher echelons of administration;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) the total number of persons appointed/posted as CMD (Head), Official/Non-Official members of the Delhi Development Authority falling under the administrative control of his Ministry during the last five years; and

(d) the number of persons belonging to SC/ST among them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These representations contained issues pertaining to different Ministries/Departments and accordingly these were sent to the concerned Ministries/Departments by the Prime Minister's office, for action as appropriate.

(c) and (d) During the last five years (1.4.1996 to 31.3.2001) twenty four persons were appointed as official/non-official Members of the Delhi Development Authority out of which two belonged to the SC category.